



FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

This is it for me.

It's been an honor serving as president these past years.

A big thanks to the officers that kept the club running.

The big item on this month's meeting agenda is election of officers, so please plan on attending,

Darrel and I had a great time at Pacificon. We participated in the QRP contest by making contacts using 5 watts or less to make Q's with two stations roaming around the hotel. We even make some CW contacts.

Robert and I will be attending the leadership meeting on Dec. 7th. This meeting is sponsored by the ARRL with their representatives attending.

I wish the band were in better shape, but you have to operate with what the sun gives.

73, Jim K6UUW

Minutes, October 21 Meeting

—UNAVAILABLE—

Vintage Festival 2019



Start of the 12k run at the vintage festival.

—Photo submitted by Dave KD6FIL

NEXT MEETING

Wed, November 20, 2019, 7:30pm

City of Sonoma EOC

Topic: TBA

Presenter:

Memorial Luncheon for Alan K6KLL

—Photos by Robert KA5WSS



One of at least three tables containing VOMARC attendees at the memorial.



Two of Alan's awards (Worked All Counties and DXCC) on display at the memorial.

Miscellaneous

Anyone know anything about a **Twitter account that's using the VOMARC club callsign?** The @w6ajf account seems to be suspended but provides no more info on why or when this occurred. The @vomarc name was snatched up 9 years ago by someone who tweeted once and never again. Not much we can do about that.

Hams from Belarus dominated the 16th **High-Speed Telegraphy World Championship** held in Bulgaria in September. Top scorer Stanislau

Haurylenka (EW8GS) set a world record with 291,597 points. The highest speed achieved during the effort was a blistering 943 characters a minute or 195 words per minute!

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

Field Day Results

VOMARC appears to have come in 3rd place in the San Francisco Section for 2019 Field Day. The club's entry trails the scores submitted by the Redwood Empire DX Association (W6KB) and Sonoma County Radio Amateurs (K6SON). All told we managed to make 442 QSOs yielding a score of 2,398 points.

2019 ARRL Field Day

Displaying entries for Section=SF

Entries 1 to 10 of 10 listed

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants
1	W6KB	7,436	3A	2,003	2		SF	25
2	K6SON	3,810	3A	700	2	W6SON	SF	67
3	W6AJF	2,398	3A	442	2		SF	15
4	W6PW	880	2A	135	2		SF	20
5	AI5C	420	1B2	35	2		SF	2
6	KM6AGE	294	1D	61	2		SF	1
7	AJ6FK	269	1D	179	1		SF	1
8	KG6BKG	192	1D	58	2		SF	1
9	KJ6VHZ	190	1B1	20	2		SF	1
10	N6DOZ	88	1D	11	2		SF	1

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS

More Than 1 Million Contacts Logged During 2019 ARRL Field Day

ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, reports that nearly 1.1 million contacts were made during the 2019 ARRL Field Day -- the most popular operating event in North America. Bourque reported the 2019 ARRL Field Day results, which are available starting on page 64 of the digital edition of the December 2019 issue of QST. Bourque says in his article that more than 36,000 radio amateurs took part in 2019 Field Day across all 83 ARRL/Radio Amateurs of Canada Sections, up slightly from

the 35,250 reported last year. The total number of contacts was down by about 7% from 2018's 1.18 million contacts.

"This year, 3,113 entries were received from local clubs and emergency operations centers (EOCs), as well as individual portable, mobile, and home stations," Bourque wrote in *QST*.

Most entries were in Class A -- club or non-club groups of three or more.

Of the nearly 1.1 million contacts, approximately 46% were made on phone, and 456,000 (42%) of contacts were made on CW. The remaining 138,000+ (12%) of the contacts were made on digital modes, such as FT8 and RTTY.

"This is a substantial increase compared to 2018, when total QSOs on the digital modes numbered just over 56,000," Bourque reported. "With the late 2018 release of [WSJT-X](#) (which now supports Field Day exchanges), many participants made use of FT8's ability to communicate when band conditions weren't being cooperative."

(from ARRL newsletter, 11/14/2019)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW



The Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club (WAARC) operated Field Day 2019 from Virginia using the club's call sign K4RC. GOTA Station operator Solana Stevenson beams, with her mother Mari Ann Stevenson in back at the left and grandfather Randy Altona, KM4YSN, in back at the right, with GOTA Coach Chuck White, AI4WU. [Dan Ewart, WG4F, photo]

Access to 60 meters continues to expand.

According to the latest edition of *The 5 MHz Newsletter*, regulatory agencies in an expanding list of countries have granted amateur radio access to a 60-meter band. A secondary allocation of 5.351.5 - 5.366.5 MHz was released to radio amateurs in Kuwait, where they will adhere to the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15) allocation, permitting a maximum power of 15 W EIRP. Indonesian and Greek hams recently gained access to the same allocation. Meanwhile, Israel has extended authorization of 5 MHz amateur permits to the end of December 2023 and added a Channel 0 to the existing eight channels, where hams may run 100 W PEP on several modes, depending upon the channel. Still under discussion is ham radio access to a 5 MHz secondary band in Australia, where the band is used by some emergency services and law enforcement. Nearly 80 countries offer some level of amateur access to the 5 MHz band. In the US, ARRL petitioned the FCC shortly after WRC-15 to allocate a secondary 60-meter band and to permit 100 W PEP, as already authorized on the existing channels there.

(from ARRL newsletter, (11/14/2019)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

ARRL Creates New Online Groups for Members to Communicate with Leadership

ARRL's Committee on Communication with ARRL Members has opened new online forums where all radio amateurs -- ARRL members and non-members alike -- can discuss issues and topics in two-way conversation with ARRL leadership. The

new groups are aimed at enhancing communication among ARRL leadership, staff, members, and prospective members, in a manner that enables timely updates and collegial discussion.

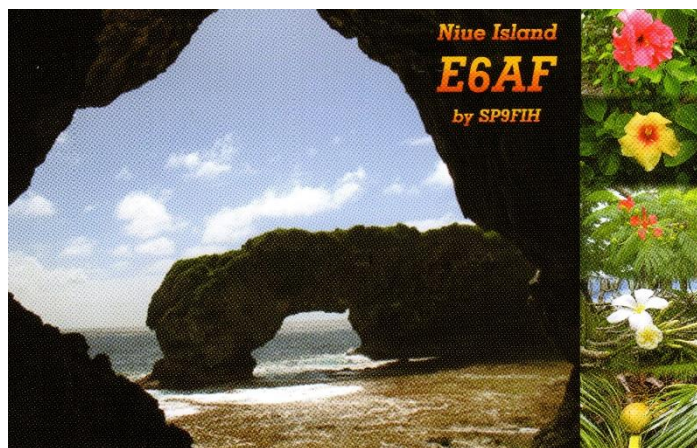
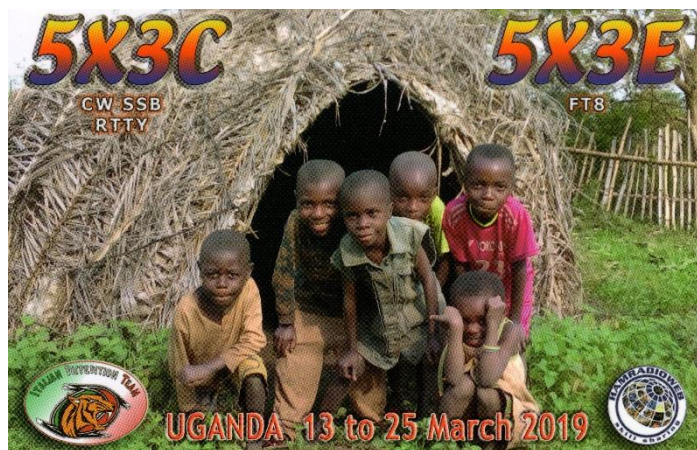
This project was based on the success over the past several years of the ARRL-LoTW (Logbook of The World) Group in responding to Amateur Radio operators' questions and generating discussion on ways to improve that program. "The LoTW initiative has clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of online Groups as a means of achieving the desired interaction," ARRL said in announcing the new groups.

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—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

From The QSL Inbox

—Submitted by Robert KA5WSS



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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Black Bear Restaurant, 201 W Napa St, #34 (Marketplace Shopping Center), Sonoma. The fun starts at 08:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

Eileen@vom.com

—OR—

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C/O Sonoma Police Department

175 First Street West

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**2019 ACS
Net Control Assignments**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY		
AUGUST	BILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

**2019 VOMARC
Net Control Assignments**

	Name	Call
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST	CARL	N6TVN
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 20, 2019, 7:30PM

AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC IN THE SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST St West, Sonoma 95476

SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2019

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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VOMARC Membership: Complimentary with Class—Date: _____

Membership Moment, From the Database Queen:

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**.